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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(I), copies of references "A11" and "A12" are enclosed. While the reference are being submitted herewith, one or both of them may not qualify as prior art under the U.S. patent laws.


This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b), before the mailing date of a First Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under § 1.114. Accordingly, no fee is believed due.

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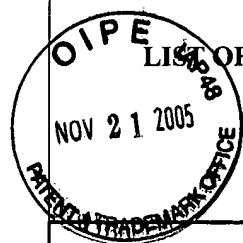
It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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